

South Bay Cruising Club

From The Masthead



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From the Helm

Bill Grauer

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Yesterday was Saturday, April 5th - and yesterday was a great day for Vivian and I, and for everyone else who attended the Spring Cocktail party. What a fabulous job the Hospitality committee, led by Bill Eilbeck, did with this. Let me elaborate. First; there must have been at least 150+ people in attendance. More food than you could possibly imagine. (Please recall that it was supposed to be simple cocktail food, but it fact turned out more like a gourmet banquet). Next; Harry Manko had a new video for us to enjoy, from his *Harry Manko Video Production Company*.

And next walks in Vince and Colleen Piazza with the 2008 Yearbooks to distribute. This book is stunning. The front and back covers are great. I believe the front cover is courtesy of Marty O'Connell. The inside photos are top-notch, thanks to all of you who took the time to take the shots and to send them to the Yearbook Committee. The photo lay-outs were done by Bob Bennett and Michael Duffy.

At the party we introduced our newest members, Joe and DJ Greco, who have a Hunter 29.5 berthed in the Patchogue River. We also introduced all attending members who have been in the club for 40 or more years. These are:

Dotty Max	55 years in the club
Isabelle Ramsdell	51 years
Alex and Ann Pearson	49 years
Dever and Andrea Larmor	47 years
Eric Forsyth	46 years
Lynn Kondor	45 years
Don and Laurette Zimmer	41 years
Rev. Dick Parker	40 years

Congratulations to them all.

At the end of the General

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From the Regatta Captain

John Holst

Spring Skipper's Meeting Thursday May 1st, 7-9PM West Islip Library, Meeting Room A

Regatta is all set to kick off the 2008 racing season on May 1st.

We have a great agenda planned.

All Skippers attending the meeting will receive several freebies, after that you can buy them through the store.

The agenda will include:

- ☀ Calendar
- ☀ NOR and SI
- ☀ New Course Chart
- ☀ Race Committee Assignments
- ☀ Free Giveaways (you must attend to get them)
 - Class Streamers
 - Laminated Course Cards
 - Yearbooks

Our season will commence Tuesday May 13th with the Bay Shore Twilight.

John Holst

Handicap Committee

Bill Danilczyk

The handicap committee has been working to get more boats racing this year. We have analyzed the race data in Excel form for the last 5 years. Upon our review of the data and the existing handicap rules there have been a few changes. The sail material restriction for roller furling has been removed. The provisional handicap adjustment of +6 sec. has been formally renewed. Any boats that have not placed in a race according to club rules in the last 2 years can apply for this adjustment. Upon a boat placing in a race the adjustment will be rescinded. The designation for this adjustment is -P6.

Several base handicaps have been reviewed at the last few meetings. At this point none of the base handicaps that we have reviewed have been changed. If you feel that your boat is entitled to any adjustments (Cruising, Deep Draft, Roller Furling, Provisional etc.) or would like a copy of the race results please contact the handicap committee at wdanilczyk@aol.com.

Have a great season racing and cruising on and off the bay.

Bill Danilczyk

From the Fleet Captain

Della Bucher

From March 28th - April 5th, I visited my family in Florida, but made it home in the nick of time for the Spring Cocktail Party. **Great job** to Bill Eilbeck and his committee.

Now it's time to get down 'n dirty --- getting della • calm ready. So it's off to the boatyard - wax that hull, sand that bright work, clean that cabin, clean that bilge, check that engine, life lines and rigging all the live long days -- to hopefully be ready for launch April 19th. If all goes well, I hope to attend our 1st rendezvous at Davis Park on April 26th, hosted by Captains Frank & Barbara Peter. I hope to see more early launchers there.

LET THE SEASON BEGIN!

I hope you are thinking of participating in the 2 week cruise leaving Fire Island Inlet June 21st. Sue Montana & Bob Bennett have sketched out a very "easy-breezy" cruise, visiting wonderful harbors on the southern Connecticut coast. To learn more about this cruise and its itinerary, send an e-mail to bob.at.sea@gmail.com. They in turn will connect you with the itinerary and keep you updated as plans expand. Hopefully you'll agree with a quote from Thomas Lovell Bedloe's "Song from the Ship"

"The anchor heaves, the ship swing free
The sails swell full.
To sea, to sea."

I am looking forward to this season. I hope you all are busy with your boats and are planning to attend the rendezvous that our host boats are planning for our pleasure during the sailing season.

Once again, anyone interested in captaining a 3-week cruise? **Call me!**
C 631-379-3060 H 631-539-2707 e-mail mbucher@suffolk.lib.ny.us

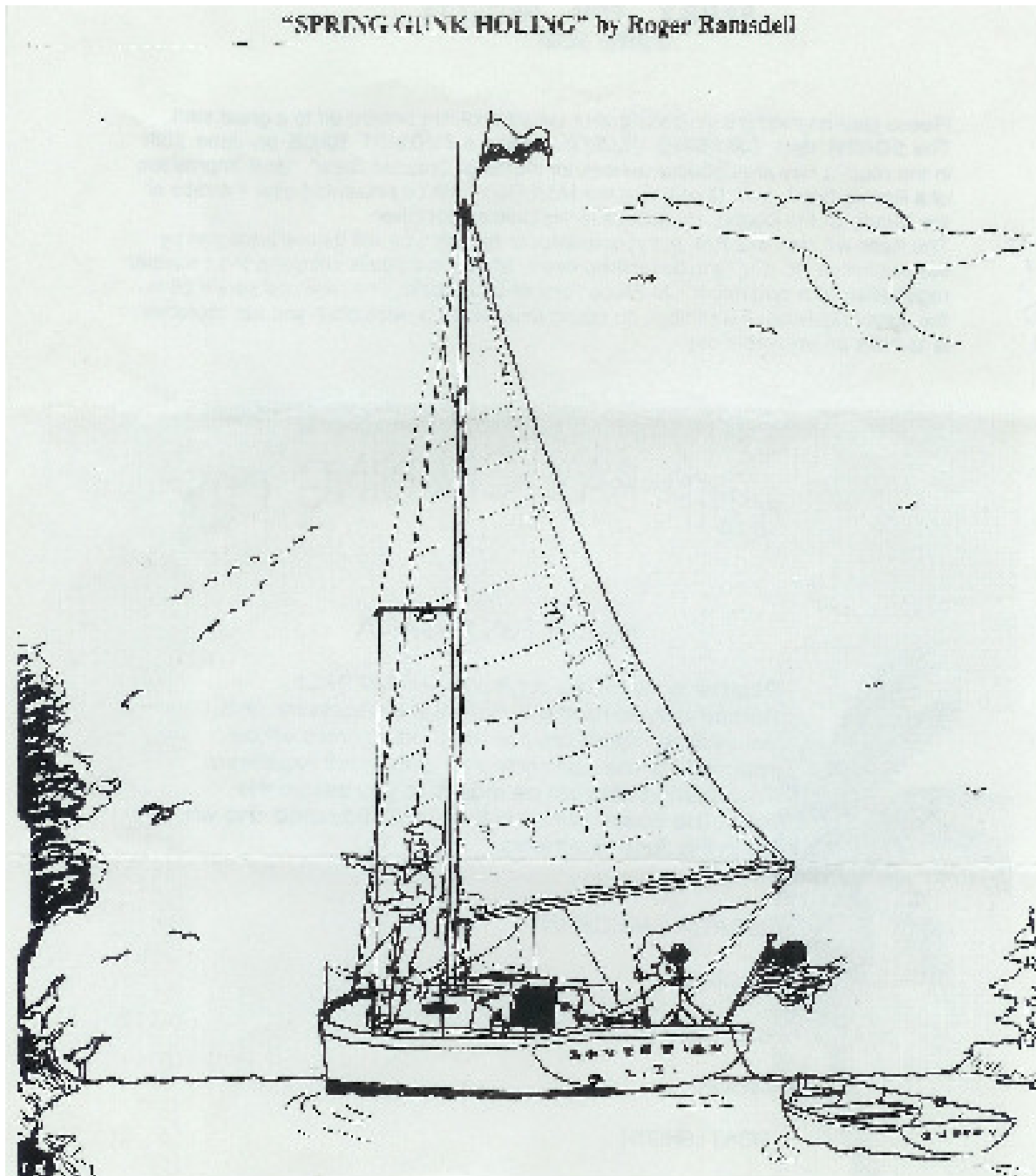
And so fellow sailors...Come launch and sail!
Be free with me.

Della Bucher

Calling All Child Members, Calling All Child Members!

It's more fun when everyone pitches in, besides it's a great way to meet club members and be involved with more fun activities.

If you are attending a club function and want to get involved, let us know by emailing mtduffy51@msn.com.



Wishing All a Wonderful Start to the Sailing Season!

From Frank Peter

Courtesy of the South Bay Cruising Club Cruising Guide

Since 2002 when the Guide was revised there have been many changes. The existing edition is on compact disc and contains 90 pages versus 63 with illustrations in color. This updated CD is available from the ship's store at \$10.00/copy

GSBYRA

John Davis

Many would agree that the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association has played a significant role in keeping sailing alive on the bay. Now in its second century, the GSBYRA has been responsible for introducing many youngsters to the pastime of sailing, especially at a competitive level. The competitive spirit results in development of skills that encourage them to remain active sailors through their senior years. Each year, junior sailing regattas bring young competitors from South Shore clubs together, and many lasting friendships have formed.

A key part of the mission of the GSBYRA is to facilitate communication between clubs and assist in development of a schedule that brings club sailors together several times each season. This year the schedule includes youth oriented invitational events with five Junior Regattas, three Sunfish Regattas, and the Optimist Nationals. In addition, PHRF boats are invited to compete in Babylon Yacht Clubs' July fourth regatta and Louis Orr Memorial regatta. The SBCC offers seven invitational weekend regattas and Long Island Yacht Club hosts the annual Mayors' Cup.

Just for the fun of it, the Long Island Maritime Museum hosts the Old Timers regatta on July 12 at the Antique and Classic Boat Show

These items and many others can be found on the GSBYRA 2008 schedule posted in their yearbook and at gsbyra.org. We encourage everyone to pick up a copy of the new yearbook on Commissioning Day at Babylon Yacht Club, May 26. If you would like additional information about GSBYRA events or would like to participate in any way, please contact your delegate at Jdavisfly@aol.com any time.

John Davis

Flotsam & Jetsam

Boating Safety Courses offered in Suffolk County:

http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/boating/cls_boat.asp?sortBy=1&filterBy=Suffolk&page=5

KNOT CHALLENGED? TRY

<http://www.animatedknots.com/indexboating.php?LogoImage+LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

"Managing The Waterway" in the March Masthead we highlighted that this DVD program contained 3000 NOAA charts and that it worked with The Capn or Maptech navigation programs, these can cost hundreds of dollars to purchase.

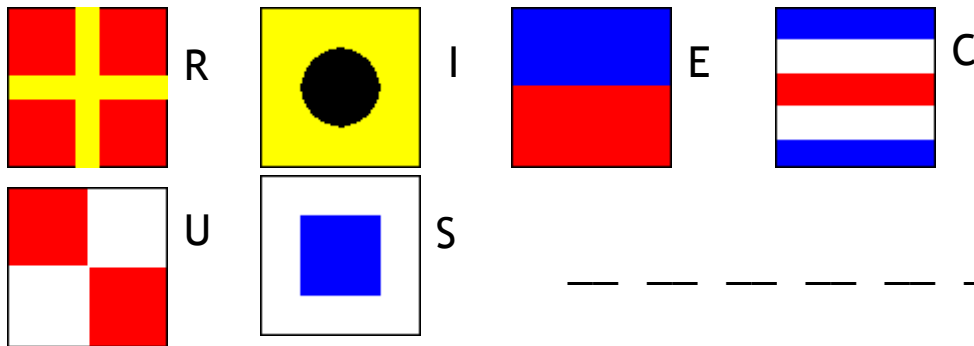
Would you like a free software program? Thanks to Bob DeSimone we have one!

SeaClearthis software package was developed in 1995 by the captain of SeaClear 11 because he could not find a decent navigation program.

Try it at <http://www.sping.com/seaclear/>

KID'S cORNER*Callie O'Connell***KID'S cORNER**

OK, OK, I know what is with the flags?? well... these flags are how people used to communicate on boats! these 6 flags spell a word out. Can u figure it out?



C	Q	M	Z	Z	H	K	J	M	G	I	E	U	G	T
R	C	X	J	R	A	P	B	E	L	O	X	O	V	V
D	H	T	Y	H	L	Q	M	R	J	L	H	V	R	O
B	Y	B	R	V	R	V	W	C	B	V	U	X	M	A
Y	L	G	D	D	P	S	Y	U	P	D	L	Q	A	P
F	S	U	N	F	I	S	H	R	J	B	K	W	R	I
I	R	H	E	M	B	N	F	Y	T	N	G	W	K	P
W	X	D	K	J	R	Y	T	O	I	S	U	N	K	U
V	Y	X	J	M	A	D	Y	D	O	E	O	N	O	E
Y	S	D	W	M	O	Y	R	E	O	L	L	Q	P	L
O	Y	T	Y	P	I	E	D	C	S	Z	T	W	T	Z
Q	R	C	T	V	Y	S	U	U	W	G	Q	G	P	Z
V	Q	I	B	D	D	A	Q	Q	Y	J	P	W	A	C
T	S	G	Q	D	S	Y	Y	O	X	L	M	Y	P	X
P	C	V	G	M	Y	D	D	A	I	F	F	V	Z	J

BLUEJAY
DYERDINK

SUNFISH
MERCURY

OPTI

A kid boat word search!!
what's better than that?
P.S. the Dyer Dink below
does not have a space in
the search... Also the
answers will not be in
next edition if u want
them e-mail me asking
for them

Want answers? here you go! In this order going down... Bowline, Clove hitch, Square knot, Figure 8. Don't forget to send me sail art, comments, etc and it could be featured here! in the KIDS cORNER! crysum411@optonline.net

**Contributed by
Belle Baxter:**

US Coast Guard Aux,
Flotilla 1-7 out of West
Sayville is offering a
GPS/basics of navigation
course for \$55 for six
Wednesday nights - April
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7.

For more info go to
<http://a0140107.uscgau.s.info/members.html>

**Best Wishes for Smooth
Sailing...**

Eric Forsyth plans to leave in
mid-June for the Azores,
Greenland , Canada and
Maine.

There will be a Bon Voyage
Party at Weeks Yachtyard,
Patchogue, at 2 pm on
Sunday, 25 May, 2008.

All welcome

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Meeting, the young and beautiful Lizzie Mullen sang God Bless America for us. She has a great voice and a terrific stage presence.

Michelle Pittman won our 50/50 and many other winners walked off with flowers prepared by Nancy Sherman.

Among the other things that are happening in the club, one is that the Special Projects Committee, headed by Rich Troy, is digitizing all of our past Mastheads - all the way back from 1951. He has already finished years 1951 through 1960.

Della Bucher conducted a cruise meeting on March 19th, which was very well attended, and Sue Montana and Bob Bennett went through the plans for the two-week cruise to the Connecticut shore.

Coming up - on Thursday, May 1st - John Holst will hold a skippers meeting in the West Islip Library.

Michael Duffy and his Youth Activities committee are planning several youth orientated sailing events. Michael will be giving out the details as they get finalized.

Also, June Tedesco is home from the hospital after undergoing back surgery. She would love a phone call or a visit. And Kathy Davis is recovering well from knee surgery and will be home soon.

Unfortunately I must inform you of the passing of Ann Wheeler who died on Saturday, March 29. She died suddenly after a short illness. Ann and Bill Wheeler have been our members for the last eighteen years. Ann was a school teacher in Islip and she was also active in her theatrics group. Please keep Ann and the Wheeler family in your thoughts and prayers.

Bill 

SBCC 2 Week Cruise to Southeastern Connecticut By Sue Montana & Bob Bennett
June 21 - Two Week Cruise, leaving Fire Island Inlet

What is the biggest complaint you hear from sailors out on cruise? That they're not sailing! The wind is always coming from the wrong direction. We are going to attempt to counter this by structuring our 2 week cruise to southeastern Connecticut without a specific port sequence.

Our plan is to hustle up to the area, and then we've selected several destinations - all within close proximity. This will enable us to pick the destination that allows us to sail (if there is wind!) The only port that is a fixed date is Mystic, because reservations are required.

Destinations include Cormorant Point in Shinnecock Bay, Montauk Lake, Mystic Seaport, New London, Stonington, Watch Hill Rhode Island, and Fishers Island.

Prepare your vessel! One good thing about early season cruises is that it is great incentive to get the boat ready! One of the bad things about early season cruises is that you have to get the boat ready! Make sure you've gotten a good shake down cruise under your belt before embarking on this adventure.

At this time of year, there are less crowds and many boats haven't even launched yet so there are often plenty of docking and moorings available.

While there is never a guarantee of the weather, the doldrums of summer have not yet set in, so it is less likely to be hazy, hot and humid with no wind (but it will also be much more varied temps, so bring plenty of layers).

If you are even just thinking about joining us, please send us your email address. As we get closer we'll be sharing our provisioning and spring commissioning lists, and we'll schedule a more detailed cruise meeting at our home.

And we expect to see you out at the early season rendezvous - a great way to get in those shake down cruises, and practice for the daily happy hours, um, I mean skipper's meetings!

Contact us:
bob.at.sea@gmail.com
631/567-7028

From Dave Tedesco:

Wanted - A few good men (or women) who know how to restore a sailing dinghy! Mike Duffy is putting together a really neat youth program, which is being integrated into existing SBCC functions. Several of them will take place in the Connetquot River, and we are being urged to bring sailing dinghies. June and I have one, complete with centerboard, rudder, tiller, mast & sail. However, it needs some fixing up, as it has a crack in the hull. If I could get some volunteers to help me fix it up over the next two months, I will make it available for use whenever we attend a function for which there is a youth activity planned. Please contact me at 277-3760 or via e-mail at capt1@optonline.net.

Thank you!

The Rigging Locker

Wanted: Dyer 'Dink' 10' sailing dingy.

Call and let's discuss.

Contact: Marty O'Connell 631-422-2216 or martocon@kb5gang.com

For Sale: *Lylas* Classic Island Packet 1983 Mark II 26' LWL 30' LOA. Professionally maintained, ready to cruise, perfect for The Bay (draws 3') or coastal cruising with new factory centerboard, chart plotter, VHF with cockpit mike and controls, Neil Pryde Mainsail stack pack with lazy jacks; galley, head w/sink & shower, cockpit shower & more. Price includes West Marine dinghy with brand new Mercury 3 HP.

Price - \$29,000

Contact - Dennis Payett, 631-665-4233 or payette@adelphi.edu

For Sale: *Salt Heart*, 27' Catalina, 1980, new 22 hp 3 cyl. Universal Diesel, new radio & compass, roller furling, dodger, cockpit rain cover & cushions, bimini 6 sales, 3 jibs, spinnaker, pole & drifter.

Price: Asking \$11,500

Contact: Joe McCormack at 631-563-1326

For Sale: *Courageous* 1983 Morgan 366 C/B performance cruiser, rebuilt Universal 25HP '05, new hot water heater & heat exchanger, new RAYMARINE electronics package, chart plotter, folding prop, racing bottom. One main 5 genoas, 3 spinnakers.

Price: Asking \$48,000

Contact: Mike or Jenn Einsetler at 631-539-4331.

For Sale: 1983 Wavelength 24, *Redneck* hull #26 formerly owned by Capt. John Williams. Newly refurbished and ready to race! New (2006) 3.3 Mercury Outboard and Aramid tape drive sails. Equipment list available.

Price - Asking \$15,550

Contact - Daria Williams @ tkinc11795@aol.com or 631-422-4453

For Sale: 10' sprit rigged sailing dinghy. This boat is one of several "Little Dipper" class boats built by Cruising Club members. It is very stable and sails and rows well.

Price: \$475.

Contact: Bob Van Tassel, 516-551-4712

For Sale: 25 lb. Danforth-type anchor with 6' of chain and 150' anchor line with depth markings - spliced & shackled.

Price: \$175.00

Contact: Marilyn Brous (631) 264-3861 or mbrous@suffolk.lib.ny.us

For Sale: 25lb CQR Plow Anchor. Hinged Plow. Hot Dip Galvanized Steel. Easy anchor roller storage. Attach a trip line to the eye on the horn for easy break-out. Manufacturer lifetime warranty against breakage.

Price: \$250.00

Contact: Mark Randazzo Work -631-467-5500 ext. 1418, Home- 631-567-2064

For Sale: Montague CX folding bicycle. 26" wheels, 18" frame, 21 speeds. New in 2002 & used 1 summer

Price - \$300

Contact - Jerry Holwell at 631-581-1823

Listings in The Rigging Locker are for nautical items for sale by **SBCC MEMBERS ONLY**. Ads will run for 3 months only unless an extension is requested. Send the written advertisement by mail to:

Marceil O'Connell
133 Tahlulah Lane, West Islip, NY 11795
Or
Email to Marceil@optonline.net

Over the Bowsprit

April

26 - Deadline for May MASTHEAD

26 - rendezvous at Davis Park, hosted by Captains Frank & Barbara Peter

28 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, West Islip Public Library

May

1 - Skipper's Meeting, 19:00-21:00, West Islip Library, Meeting Room A

20 - Deadline for June MASTHEAD

26 - COMMISSIONING DAY, BYC

28 - SBCC BOARD MEETING, 19:30, EAST ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

June

21 - Two Week Cruise, leaving Fire Island Inlet, hosted by Sue Montana and Bob Bennett

23 - SBCC Board Meeting, 17:30, East Islip Public Library

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